

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Darkbrown-humor.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900105.004

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: New Zealand Defence Force Military Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 June 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 21 June 2019

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Darkbrown-humor.mp4	0:06
Total running time:		0:06

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file graphically depicts a violent murder and degrades and dehumanises its subject to a high degree by the addition music and playful imagery. It is likely to shock and disturb people of any age or to inure them to real life suffering. The classification of objectionable places a severe limitation on the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but is a reasonable limit on that right given the high risk of injury to the public good if the video were to be made available.